

Dynamite Blast In Keetley Jap Migration Area Probed

HEBER CITY.—Reports that sticks of dynamite were being exploded in the new Jap family migration area in Keetley were being investigated today by Sheriff Charles McPhie of Wasatch County, who expressed the opinion that a blast there Monday night was the work of a prankster.

"There was at least one stick of dynamite that was thrown and exploded in the vicinity of the residential facilities provided for the incoming Japanese families," Sheriff McPhie said, "but this occurred Monday evening before any of the families were actually living in Keetley."

According to the sheriff, approximately 15 Jap families arrived at Keetley Monday night and Tuesday, and more were expected to arrive Wednesday. Accommodations for the migrants are being provided by George A. Fisher, who owns an

apartment house in Keetley.

Interviews with several residents of Keetley indicated today that the sentiment here is very much against the Japs coming into this valley, and the sheriff agreed to this with the hint that "all difficulties will soon be ironed out."

He said that Wasatch County, up to this time, had been free of "foreign" populace.

One small boy in the seventh grade felt very much against the idea of the Japs coming and demonstrated this by taking advantage of his right to freedom of the press to get out a handbill on a toy printing machine. It said: "If George Fisher likes the Japs let him go to Japan."

He passed them around. The explosion of the dynamite was heard by a number of residents in Heber City, who said that the Japs had not yet arrived when the blast occurred.